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Re:      Applicant(s): Michael Gauselmann  
 Assignee: Atronic International GmbH  
 Title: Gaming Machine Displaying Combinations of Symbols Including  
 Special Symbols  
 Serial No.: 10/022,460  
 Examiner: Michael O'Neill                          Filed: December 14, 2001  
 Docket No.: M-12238-1P                          Group Art Unit: 3713

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter (1 page);
- (2) Response to Final Office Action (10 pages).

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005.

Amendments basically merging limitations in dependent claims (Claim 23 and Claim 44) into their independent claim are being made along with a trivial amendment to Claims 11 and 33 to make the claims more clear. Such amendments would not necessitate a new search, and there are no new issues being raised.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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